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## Busby School Defines New Goals

Cheyenne Tribe took over the school from the BIA June 1, 1972. Atmosphere and attitudes shifted, under a school board seeking change. However, thinking was translated into real action.

And attendance dropped 48 percent.

Says Don Littlewolf, "We're dealing with today and tomorrow. Educational goals seem to be separated into vocational and professional—we want both, a compromise. We need teachers who are flexible."

When I feel like giving up, I remember a white "shut" at Busby School will leave here, as a child, I wanted adults would work in less than a year from a satellite 25,000 with me. I recall all the things we didn't do on daily pupil achievement reports. Summer's program will emphasize off-schedule activities, then we'll have guidelines to maintain schools, pitched. With integrity forethought, Chief Don Littlewolf's academic tradition—ind, in some cases, urged his people to prepare for a future mostly personnel.

From the free, nomadic lifestyle New goals were defined when the Northern

Recent elections placed Don in the position of chairing the school. Littlewolf is vice chairman. Ted Wang Sun, Russell King and

All teachers now work for the tribe, rather than the BIA. Only cooks, dormitory aides and plant maintenance remain BIA employees. Transfer of those, too, will be effected, but there is no deadline on this.

Says Lame Deer BIA Superintendent Almon Spang, himself a Northern Cheyenne and a former university professor, "It's not this is an excellent move. The tribe is in a position to do things properly. They had to help their children. They have a flexibility we don't have in the Bureau."

In looking at the faculty, which boasts three PhD and several master's degrees, Dr. Spang adds, "Professional preparation probably exceeds most school staffs in Montana."

The Busby School for years has been the only Indian boarding and day school in a state of seven reservations. "Tyranny of change is the stress that knows no mercy, except for force. For many years, it succeeded morning, 3 p.m. and bedtime in Busby."

Busby school on to put it back on. They said, "The stress runs our lives," reports Dr. Bill Henneke, curriculum director.

"We took it out to people would motivate themselves," Littlewolf says firmly.

And Dick LaFever, elementary school principal who runs the Busby State when the sun was shining, recalls their years at the store. In taking the school out of endemic wrings, they turned to use local and visiting resource people.

It may be as old women who know an almost-forgotten Cheyenne song, a hymnologist who's unraveled a system of underground water flow, or a rancher to explain why he raises grazing range, an attorney, a nurse or a tribal musician. Each has expertise school officials think can add richness to a place where the world reservation as school—and eventually all of Montana.

"We want to think of the whole reservation as school—and eventually all of Montana. We're not a state, western state," says Littlewolf.

Busby may become a model among Indian schools, but the academic label "model school" is far from administrative thinking. "What work in Busby City may not work in Busby, and what works in Busby may not work in the other Indian schools."

Officials do hope, however, to create an educational center "where we can share with other tribes. What we have developed...perhaps they can adapt it to their needs," says Littlewolf.

Delegations from Pine Ridge, Sisseton, Southern Cheyenne and despite time have already turned the Busby school and studied procedures used here. Busby is one of the first Indian schools to be constructed from the BIA by a tribe.

School board and administrators present a united front in their definition of goals and how to achieve them. And they're constantly brainstorming new ideas. "We're shooting for the sky," says Littlewolf.

Cheyenne elementary school principal Dick LaFever happily agrees, "This is as stable as an ancient as a pine tree. We're not strapping technology either."

Introducing a "success-oriented" curriculum meant tearing down the walls between classrooms four, five and six. Teachers and students from these grades were merged into a single unit.

Such conversion was not simple. Besides physical and material changes, sophisticated evaluation and testing programs had to be devised. Then, finally, a modification in thinking was required of staff.

"We've had to identify very carefully each child's level of achievement and ability," points out Littlewolf. "We want to place the child at a level where he's guaranteed success."

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### Cheyennes Win Lease Victory

Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton has made a decision that allows the Northern Cheyenne Indians of northern Montana to sue coal companies to renegotiate coal-lease rights in the Northern Cheyenne reservation, an Interior Department official said today.

James Cannon, area director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said the Morton decision appears to be a "partial victory for the Cheyenne."

"It's a tremendous victory for the Cheyenne," Tribal Councilman Edwin Littlewolf said today.

"Immediately the decision will result in confidence in all American citizens to the government. It shows, too, that the victory of a minority, no matter how small, can be heard."

Tribal Chairman Allen Rowland was in Crow Hospital with a heart attack at press time and was unavailable for comment.

The Indians asked Morton to void leases on coal lands for 26,000 acres of the reservation.

Cannon said Morton's decision allows the Cheyenne to sue coal companies with the Interior Department backing in their lawsuit.

Cannon said the effect of Morton's complicated decision is not to immediately cancel the coal leases. "It does put them in the hands of the tribe for a while," he said.

Rep. John Fletcher, D-Mont., had announced last month that the Interior Department planned to demand invalid coal leases held by Peabody Coal Co. and other companies.

Cannon said he hopes such leases have been challenged by the Cheyenne.



EARTH MOVED AROUND TRIBAL BUILDINGS IN PREPARATION FOR PAVING

New steel can has defied the more ancient tribal building, earth is being graded and smoothed in preparation for \$124,000 paving job funded by Economic Development Administration. EPA officer George Hildner Jr. argues people not to park in the area, or to use the adjacent street until this week is completed. A playground area will also be developed in the area behind Court chambers, constructed by Public Works Impact Program workers.

### Advertising Manager Named

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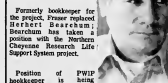
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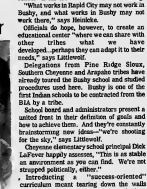


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### Community Gardening to Begin

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Lame Deer, Montana



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Lame Deer, Montana. Northern Cheyenne girl from Ashtand, was crowned Miss Indian American last week. Last week was also graduation of St. John's graduating class.

**New Indian Sculptor's  
Work Put on Display**

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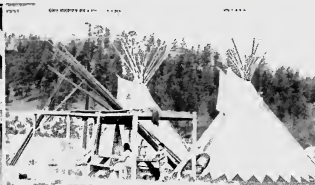
**Trout Planted in Lakes**

Wind Damage Occurs In Forest, Trailers

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FIRST POW-WOW TREESPEER OF SEASON WERE SET UP FOR ASHLAND EVENT

Rain, Off and On During Weekend, Seen People Scouring for Cover

## Memorial Pow-Wow This Weekend

It's pow-wow week again on the Northern Cheyenne reservation, as preparations move ahead for the annual Memorial day pow-wow—this year June 7, 8 and 9. The event will be held at the

Lame Deer pow-wow grounds, three miles south of town. Philip Whitman, Tony Rode and Hurto Fisher Jr. are in charge of arrangements. A parade is planned Saturday at 10 a.m., with a

feast Sunday and giveaways both Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Men's fancy dance contest carries a \$200 first place prize, with \$100 and \$100 for second and third.

Other contest dances are the Men's Slow war dance, the women's shawl dance, women's buckskin, plus four dance contests for boys and girls.

## June Begins Busy Season for Many

A parents meeting was given May 21 by John Wooden Legs Sr., to honor Judy Little Coyote, daughter of Emma Jones and Perry Little Coyote. Judy was graduated from the eighth grade at Lame Deer Indian School on the job. The ceremony was held to have one other son, Gary, encourage continuation of Henrietta Whitman, a boy's education.

The eighth grade class of Lame Deer Public held their last week to travel to Expo '73 in Spokane, Wash. The 27 students were escorted by Naomie and Paul Thera Spring, and Dale Hirsch.

Money for the trip was raised by the students during the school year. They also raised \$200, a gasoline received \$200, a gasoline

credit card, and a bus from the school board.

Farewell of a boy born May 30 at Crow Hospital are Mr. Jones and Perry Little Coyote. The boy, named Eugene Jr., was the eighth grade student. The parents' names, The Father's name is Henrietta Whitman, a boy's education.

A note from Serena Gardner says she'll be returning to Lame Deer soon from North Dakota, where she was born and raised. She was born in 1940 and was a trip to route home from a trip to Texas and Oklahoma, she became ill in Nebraska City, Neb.



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## They Danced to Win at Ashland Pow-Wow

Duane Wolf Black of Crow Agency placed first. Ashland won the men's fancy dance at the May pow-wow. But, S. D., placed second, sponsored by the Ashland Mountain Club.

The White Rocks of Utah, placed first in women's shawl dance. First place in women's shawl dance went to Bonnie Johnson of Mandaree, N.D. Sally Dances of White Rocks, Utah, placed second, and Florence Whitman of Lame Deer placed third.

One Les Dancy of Rocky to men's slow war dance they danced her way to first place in the buckskin dress

dance contest. Betty Webb of Rums Acres of and Crawford Lame Wolf of girls also took second and

Kellum of Lame Deer was second and Harriet Standing in the little boy's finale.

Rack of Rocky Bay was awarded third prize.

Ashland captured first place in the little boy's finale. Gerald Wapoose of Fort Moorehouse, won first place in Duchesne, Utah, was second prize dancing. Denver

former Artist Here Shows in New York

Maurice D. Little, who Shoshone-Bannock tribe at Ft. family. He was formerly did work for the Howe, Idaho, was graduated Northern Cheyenne tribe, has last Friday from the Ray

University, Circle Campus. He writes that he will be going through Montana to visit with his husband. Little, a member of the Idaho for a visit with his husband.

His wife, Roberta, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl and will be working

Twelfth of Lame Deer. She has been working as a clerk, typist at the Environmental White in Lame Deer, he and his wife in Chicago, going through Montana to visit with his husband. Little, a member of the Idaho for a visit with his husband.

Operation Mainstream.

Little has entered one of his paintings in a New York show. He will be working

employment following his visit to Idaho.

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